

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- A method and apparatus (400) for identifying a false MPEG-2 packet synchronization lock condition by parsing MPEG-2 packets that may have been incorrectly delineated by a sync-byte checksum-decoder, to detect resulting anomalies. Forcing the restart of the conventional checksum-encoded sync-byte synchronization/lock process upon generating a "resync" command based upon the anomalies detected by a False Lock Detector. Reliably synchronizing and delivering the MPEG-2 stream to the receiver transport layer. The False-Lock Detector circuit compares the content of the currently identified packet header or payload portion of a sync-byte delineated packet with expected values in order to detect a false-lock condition and to eliminate false sync-byte position-candidates from the basis of a "synchronization lock". --